

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A key for unlocking a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a first member;
at least one ~~protrusion~~ first projection attached to said first member, said ~~protrusion~~ first projection configured to unlock a first locking-type toner hopper of an image forming apparatus; and

at least one second projection attached to the first member, the second projection configured to unlock a second locking-type toner hopper,

wherein said key is not formed monolithically with a toner container.

2. (Currently Amended) The key according to claim 1, wherein said at least one first projection includes at least two first projections configured to be received by, and unlock a lock of [[a]] the first toner hopper ~~of an image forming apparatus~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The key according to claim 2, wherein said at least two first projections have a first spacing, and wherein said at least two first projections are substantially rectangular, and have a width sufficient to allow said at least two first projections to be received by two slots included on the lock of the first hopper.

4. (Currently Amended) The A key according to claim 2, for unlocking a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a first member; and

at least one projection attached to said first member, said projection configured to unlock a locking-type toner hopper of an image forming apparatus;

wherein said key is not formed monolithically with a toner container,

wherein said at least one projection includes at least two first projections configured to be received by, and unlock a lock of a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, and

wherein said at least two projections have a first spacing, and wherein said key further comprises at least two second projections having a second spacing, said second spacing larger than said first spacing.

5. (Original) The key according to claim 4, further comprising a first indicia corresponding to said first at least two projections; and a second indicia corresponding to said at least two second projections.

6. (Original) The key according to claim 4, wherein said at least two first projections are provided on an opposite side of said first member from said at least two second projections.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The A key according to claim 1, for unlocking a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, comprising:~~

a first member; and

at least one projection attached to said first member, said projection configured to unlock a locking-type toner hopper of an image forming apparatus;

wherein said key is not formed monolithically with a toner container, and

wherein said key includes a plurality of projections arranged to be received by and unlock, at least two different locking-type toner hoppers.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A toner refill kit for refilling a locking hopper of an image forming apparatus, said kit comprising the combination of:~~

a first container containing toner; and

a key having at least one projection configured to be received by and unlock a lock of a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus;

wherein said key is not monolithically formed with said first container.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A toner refill kit according to claim 8, further comprising for refilling a locking hopper of an image forming apparatus, said kit comprising the combination of:~~

a first container containing toner;

a key having at least one projection configured to be received by and unlock a lock of a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus; and

a second container configured to store said key, said second container configured to engage with said first container,

wherein said key is not monolithically formed with said first container.

10. (Original) The kit according to claim 8, wherein said at least one projection of said key comprises at least two projections configured to be received by a lock of a locking-type toner hopper of an image forming apparatus.

11. (New) A key for unlocking a toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a body member

means for unlocking a first locking-type toner hopper of an image forming apparatus, the means for unlocking a first hopper disposed on the body member; and

means for unlocking a second locking-type toner hopper, the means for unlocking a second hopper disposed on the body member.

12. (New) The key according to claim 11, wherein the key is separate from a toner container.

13. (New) The key according to claim 11, wherein the key is not configured to container toner.

14. (New) The key according to claim 11, wherein the means for unlocking a first hopper and the means for unlocking a second hopper extend from the body member in directions different from one another.

15. (New) The key according to claim 11, wherein the means for unlocking a first hopper comprise at least one first projection.

16. (New) The key according to claim 11, wherein the means for unlocking a first hopper comprises at least two first projections and the means for unlocking a second hopper comprises at least two second projections.

17. (New) The key according to claim 16, wherein a distance between the at least two first projections is larger than a distance between the at least two second projections.

18. (New) The toner refill kit according to claim 8, wherein the key comprises a protrusion configured to be received by and unlock a lock of another toner hopper.

19. (New) The toner refill kit according to claim 18, wherein the projection comprises at least two projections, and the protrusion comprises at least two protrusions.

20. (New) The toner refill kit according to claim 19, wherein a distance between the at least two projections is greater than a distance between the at least two protrusions.